(ii) State Governments have been asked to form a nodal department for coordination of activities related to Food Processing Industries;

(iii) A data base would be built in the Ministry on particulars relating to Food Processing Industries;

(iv) Sector-wise Working Groups would be set up on Food Processing Industries;

(v) Regional/State level meetings of concerned agencies will be held for finalisation of State-wise Action Plans.

(vi) S & T Advisory Council for the Ministry would be set up (this would coordinate closely with the Development Council).

(vii) Measures for improving capacity utilisation of existing fruit based plants would be initiated and linkages between these units and producers would be established;

(viii) All pending proposals in the food processing sector would be reviewed and cleared;

(ix) New proposals would be examined, processed and recommended as expeditiously as possible;

(x) Rationalisation of existing rules and procedures relating to imports, foreign collaboration etc. would be worked out.

(xi) Fiscal and taxation package for the industry would be finalised.

Telecast of programmes in M.P.

296. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan Kendra, Bhopal has agreed to telecast atleast 50 programmes annually prepared by all the seven zonal cultural centres of the Ministry of Human Resource Development;

(b) if so, what are the cultural programmes that have been agreed to be telecast through the Indore Doordarshan Kendra; and

(c) whether education oriented programmes are also being considered to be telecast in the State of Madhya Pradesh; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir, Doordarshan Kendra at Bhopal and Indore do not have programme production or playback facilities and transmitters at these Kendras relay programmes telecast from Delhi, including those of zonal cultural centres.

(c) The Educational Television programmes in Hindi telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi between 9.45 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on school working days and the UGC programmes telecast from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. and repeated from 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. the same day are already being carried by Bhopal and Indore transmitters.

Upgradation of AIR Coimbatore

297. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the power of AIR transmitter at Coimbatore;

(b) whether it is a fact that a powerful foreign station is operating on the same wave length of 999 KHZ; and

(c) if so, the remedial action proposed to be taken in this regard?